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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/815,001	KANNAN ET AL.	
	Examiner David Buttner	Art Unit 1712	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 9-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>3/31/04; 10/14/05</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Applicant's request to cancel claims 1-8 cannot be entered. Any such amendment must be made in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (ie a complete listing of all claims with appropriate status identifiers).

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 11-13,20,21,30,32-34 and 42-45 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

"particularly" in claims 11,20 and 44 is unclear. Are these requirements or not?

The esters, salts etc of claims 12,13,21,,33,34 and 45 are not diacids.

There is no antecedent basis for "D" in claim 30.

There is no antecedent basis for the stabilizing additive in claims 42 and 43.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 9-12 and 14-27 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over JP54125271.

The reference produces a polyesteramide from diols, diacids and an esteramide compound (I). The esteramide (I) appears to correspond to applicant's esteramide compound.

Claims 9,12,14-17,19 and 21-27 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Kirikihira '495.

Kirikihira produces applicant's esteramide compound (col 3 line 46). Kirikihira then polymerizes this esteramide with glycol and dicarboxylate diester (col 5 line 40-41). Polymerization can be conducted in a solvent (col 6 line 8), with a catalyst (col 4 line 15) at 150-300C (col 4 line 7).

Claims 9-18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Kibler '826.

Kibler claims (#5) polyesteramides made from hexahydroterephthalic acid, cyclohexanedimethanol and aminocaproic acid. Although Kibler does not add esteramide as a starting monomer, the units of the resulting polymer are believed to correspond the units of applicant's polymer. This is because the esteramide of applicant's claims is merely a prereaction of the caproic acid and diacid. The final product would be the same whether or not such a prereaction was carried out. Note that R2 of applicant's esteramide does not form a part of the final polymer, but is instead cleaved away during transesterification.

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Claims 9-12,14-22,24,25,28-33 and 35-45 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Bailly EP730005.

Bailly (abstract) discloses blends of polycarbonate with polyesteramide. The polyesteramide can be made reacting diamine with a diester of terephthalic acid to form a bisester diamide (page 7 line 39-41) prior to polymerization with diol and additional terephthalic acid (page 7 line 47). This compound (pictured at page 5 formula IX) corresponds to applicant's esteramide when Bailly's "Z" is -OR. Note that applicant permits his R1 to be substituted which allows his R1 to be the -R₆NHC(O)R₈- of Bailly's formula. Alternatively, Bailly can use an amino acid such as aminobutyric acid (page 4 line 21) in place of the diamine. An amino acid prereacted with terephthalic acid would correspond to applicant's preferred esteramide.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Buttner whose telephone number is 571-272-1084. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 10 to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski, can be reached on 571-272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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